

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil, or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, December 16, 1926

HIGH SCHOOL BYLAW SHOULD CARRY

As will be seen elsewhere in this issue of The Chronicle, the ratepayers of Durham will be called upon at the January elections to say whether or not the High School Trustee Board shall be empowered to build a \$25,000 extension to the Durham High School. While there are many in favor of the proposal, there are also, no doubt, many who are opposed to the idea, claiming that the present structure is adequate, and that any additional expenditure is uncalled for.

There should be little sentiment in the discussion, as an analysis of the whole situation will show that it is good business to see that this bylaw is carried and that the Trustee Board be given the authority to go ahead.

No matter what our private opinions are regarding the educational system in force throughout the province, there are certain requirements with which High Schools must conform if they wish to receive the annual grants of the Educational Department. If they conform with these rulings they get the grants; if they do not, they do not receive them. This should be plain to any of us, and is something over which the Trustee Board or the citizens of the province have no control.

Treated on a business basis, a High School has what is termed an "overhead" that cannot be side-stepped. It costs so much to run a school, and if this is not partly paid for by County and Provincial grants, then the whole amount must be met by the ratepayers of the municipality in which the school is located. In other words, if no county grant attend the Durham school, then there is no county grant. The County Council pays for the education of county pupils, but does not contribute for the support of the town pupils. This must be met by the municipality itself.

Ratepayers, in voting for the building of the new addition to the school should not consider that they are paying the whole \$25,000, as this is taken care of largely through County and Provincial grants. As has been said at the commencement of this article, the county and province are most liberal with schools that live up to the requirements of the Education Department and most niggardly with those that do not.

High Schools are graded according to the manner in which they live up to the departmental requirements, and it is on this grading that the annual grants are made. At present Durham school is graded as No. 2. The grants are therefore not as large as if the school had a No. 1 grading. If by any chance the Durham School should be placed in the No. 3 grade, then the annual grants would be that much smaller and the ratepayers of the town would be called upon to put up the deficit.

With a large Entrance class this year, and Principal Graham's well known habit of passing 100 per cent. of his class, there is a grave probability that the accommodation at the local High school will be entirely inadequate, and that even the Form III work will be seriously hampered or done away with altogether. There is more than a possibility that this will happen. With Fourth Form work done away with now, the county and provincial grants have been lowered for this year; with Form III work eliminated next year owing to lack of room, it is also probable that these grants will be lowered even more, and an additional burden placed upon the shoulders of Durham ratepayers.

There is also another phase to the situation. With no Third Form in the school, it is not likely that many county pupils will favor coming to Durham to complete First and Second Form work, only to be forced to go elsewhere to take up the Third Form work. Rather, they will choose a school that can take care of them all through the piece, and then the Durham ratepayers will find themselves called upon to finance the whole expense.

To us it looks as if the Durham ratepayers must choose between two things. Either vote for the bylaw and pay approximately \$2,200.00 a year for an up-to-date school, or vote against the bylaw and pay the whole amount which, in the absence of County pupils will amount to somewhere around \$4,000.00 each year.

The Chronicle does not feel competent to deal with this matter as it should be, but from conversations we have had with various people, and what we know about the County and Provincial grants received, we would regard it as distinctly against the financial interests of the community to defeat the High School bylaw on the 2nd of next month.

We would advise a full discussion of the matter at the public meeting to be held next Monday night in the Town Hall. While it is true that public meetings have not been as well attended as they might have been, we consider it the duty of every ratepayer to take this night off and listen to an unbiased discussion of the whole question. If the passing of the bylaw is in the financial interests of the community, then the working man should be alive to his own interests and eager to listen to an airing of the whole question. With the present high cost of living and increasing taxation, he can little afford to vote blindly in a matter of this kind, and should go to the polls fully informed as to what he is going to do, and not vote blindly on a bylaw in which all he sees is the expenditure of \$25,000.

Durham has a good many instances in which a policy of false economy has in the end cost a lot of money. Let us not be fooled on the present question. Personally, we are not in favor of spending one cent more than is necessary in the administration of the town affairs; likewise we would not like to see the present bylaw defeated if its defeat is going to militate against the efficiency of our local educational system, and in the end cost us more than if we had done the right thing in the first place.

Let us have a full public discussion on this great question. Let those who advocate the building of the addition explain their reasons, and also let any who are opposed to the expenditure state their case. Both sides of the question, in our opinion, should be fully gone into that the electorate may the more intelligently cast their ballots.

We would also welcome any correspondence on the matter that our readers may see fit to give, the

only condition being that we would ask that our correspondents stick to the subject and not make any statements that they cannot back up.

COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Workers in industry under compensation in Ontario enjoy the benefit of very considerable protection. This has been done without unduly burdening employers by spreading the cost of the accidents over the industries in the various classes set up by the Workmen's Compensation Board. It is interesting to note that, of the six Provinces in Canada in which there are Compensation Boards, Ontario, being more important industrially, pays out by far the largest sum each year. In this Province the maximum weekly award which can be made is \$25.64 which represents two-thirds of the maximum of \$2,000 per annum on which compensation can be paid under the Ontario Act.

The benefits to injured workers or their dependents in Ontario are extremely liberal. In New York State, for instance, the maximum award possible is \$20 per week or more than 20 per cent. less than can be awarded in this Province, although the costs to industry in New York State are in the main higher than in Ontario. This is doubtless due to several factors, one being the efficient administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act by the Ontario Board and another the constant campaign against accidents which is being carried on in a large percentage of the plants under the compensation here. Costs, however, of five and a half million or six million dollars per annum, as we have had in Ontario for the past several years, must continue to focus the attention of industry on an extension of the accident prevention work being done.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

December 16, 1926

Soon it will be Christmas!

And then for 1927 and good resolutions!

One of these should be to "Vote Right" on election day, January 3, for both members of next year's Town Council and the High School Extension.

A dollar saved is a dollar earned. Durham ratepayers can save themselves a good many dollars by voting for the High School Extension question next month. As a matter of economy and good business, the question should carry with an overwhelming majority.

The final session of the Durham Town Council was held last night with only routine business done. Durham this year has had a good Council. Anyway, they worked together, and in harmony, for the best interests of the town as they saw it. They may have made mistakes, but who doesn't?

Durham ratepayers should not take anybody's "sayso" on the High school question. Investigate the matter before you cast your ballot and, no matter which way you vote, vote intelligently. A "stampede" vote makes a majority, all right, and carries the day, but a vote without intelligent thought behind it is wasted, even if it does happen to be cast on the popular side.

Facts are facts. Get them before voting on the High school question at the January elections. There will no doubt be a lot of rumors circulated before voting day. Petty differences of opinion should not be considered by the electors, who should insist on knowing the facts before marking their ballot. Ratepayers should not fail to attend the public meeting in the town hall next Monday night, when both sides of the question will be heard.

A vote against the High School Extension question means a refusal on the part of Durham citizens to conform to the regulations of the Ontario Department of Education; a vote against the question means that the Government school grants will be lowered or cut off altogether; a vote against the question means that, with the Government grant cut off or reduced, the ratepayers of Durham will have to finance the whole school without outside assistance of any kind. Vote FOR the bylaw, and thereby keep your school up to Government standard, and your dollars in your pocket!

Some of Durham's merchants have passed through the Christmas season without advertising. No doubt they will be among those who, after the big buying festival is over, will declare that business is "rotten." In these days of modern business, when printers' ink is regarded as the most valuable ally of good business, the manner in which some of those doing business with the public steer clear of it, is simply marvellous. It reminds us of the old, old story of the boy throwing kisses at his girl in the dark. He may know what he is doing, but the girl knows absolutely nothing about it. Modern buyers read the advertisements. How any man in the mercantile game can expect to pile goods on his shelves and get rid of them without advertising beats us. It simply isn't done. The dusty biscuits always come from the store that doesn't advertise.

CRISP COMMENT

For creating a better world there's nothing like a good night's sleep.—Kitchener Record.

A little bit of "applesauce" blinds the eyes to a great number of human frailties.—Guelph Mercury.

What Chicago needs is a few arresting personalities on its police force.—Little Rock (Ark.) Gazette.

What a lot of beauty sleep some young ladies must have had since they bobbed their hair!—Toronto Telegram.

In the matter of skirts woman wants but little here below, and she does not want that very long.—Simcoe Reformer.

A village is a place where four-tenths of the wives originally came from other towns to teach school.—Vancouver Sun.

The problem before many a young man, is how he can marry a pretty girl and a good cook without committing bigamy.—Chatham News.

When they make a mirror that will enable a girl to see herself as others see her, there will not be so many flappers.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

REV. E. M. MORROW INDUCTED AT HANOVER

Revs. W. H. Smith and J. E. Peters of Durham Took Part in Important Ceremony Last Friday Evening.

The induction of Rev. E. Milton Morrow of Oakwood, Ontario, into the pastorate of Trinity church, Hanover, took place in that church on Friday evening of last week.

The Chairman of the Presbytery of Grey, Rev. W. H. Smith, B. A., of Durham was in charge of the ceremony and conducted the opening exercises, after which Rev. J. E. Peters, M. A., of Durham, preached the induction sermon from the text "The Church of the Living God," 1 Timothy III: 15.

The points dwelt upon in the sermon were (1) The Church exists as the witness of God in the World, (2) The Church exists to make known to the world the will of God regarding man's obligation to God and to his fellows (3) The Church exists that it may be used by the Holy Spirit in accomplishing God's purpose for humanity in every age.

Following the sermon the chairman read the action of the church courts that had led up to the induction. Mr. Morrow was then called to the front and made in the presence of the congregation the promise required in the ritual. The congregation on their part stood to signify that they accepted him as their minister and that they would loyally support him in his work. The Declaration of Independence was then read and the new minister received the right hand of fellowship from Revs. Smith, Laidlaw and Peters, and Mr. James Metcalfe, lay representative of the congregation to the Presbytery.

Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, M. A., of Owen Sound, then addressed the minister and the congregation. He stressed the necessity that the minister be careful to cultivate his own inner life, that he be a diligent student of the Word and Doctrine, that he be faithful in the discharge of his duties as a pastor, as well as a preacher, and wished the success as they toiled together in every department of the church's activities.

The singing was led by the church organist and choir, who also rendered an anthem appropriate to the occasion. After the singing of the closing hymn the benediction was pronounced by the chairman.

ANGLIAN WOMAN'S GUILD HELD BAZAAR LAST WEEK

Over one hundred dollars was realized Saturday last at the annual bazaar of the Woman's Guild of Trinity Church. The affair was held from 3 to 6 o'clock and was a fine display of fancy work and home cooking that was soon disposed of. An afternoon tea was also served during the three hours set aside for the bazaar.

TOWN OF DURHAM

ADDITION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL

Proposed question to authorize the issue of "Town of Durham Debentures" to the amount of \$25,000.00 for the erection and equipment of an addition to the High School.

Notice is hereby given that the vote of the electors entitled to vote on Monday-By-Laws will be taken on the above mentioned question, at the

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

to be held on Monday, The Third Day of January, 1927

Question

Are you in favor of the erection of an addition to the High School to cost not more than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars, and to be paid by Debentures, issued by the Town of Durham? such debentures to be issued for the period of twenty years at the current rate of interest, to be repaid in twenty annual payments with interest, such payments not to exceed \$279.61 annually.

Notice is further given that the 30th day of December, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Town Clerk's Office, is the time and place which has been fixed for the appointment of persons to attend at the various polling places, and at the final summing up of the votes by the Municipal Clerk on behalf of persons interested in and desirous of promoting or opposing the passage of the said question.

Notice is further given that a tenant whose lease extends over the time for which the debt is to be created, or for at least twenty-one years, and who has by his or her lease covenanted to pay all municipal taxes in respect of the property, other than local improvements rates, shall, if he or she makes and files with the Clerk of the Municipality not later than the 24th day of December, 1926, being the tenth day before the day appointed for taking the vote, a declaration under the "Canada Evidence Act" so stating, be entitled to have his or her name entered on the list of voters entitled to vote on the said question.

Notice is further given that if the assent of the electors is obtained thereon the said Question will be taken into consideration by the Municipal Council of the Town of Durham after the expiration of one month from the first publication of this notice.

WILLIAM B. VOLLET, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office, Dec. 15, 1926

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. P. Telford of Regina, is visiting with Mrs. W. Park. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osg of Guelph are visiting with her mother, Mrs. Cross, for two or three weeks.

Mrs. Kennedy and son Marshall, of Shelburne, are visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Aldred.

Mrs. J. A. Aldred spent last week in Milverton with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Houghton, who was ill.

Mrs. C. B. Lawrence left last week for Dunrobin in response to a message telling her of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Hamill, who, we understand, has slight chance for recovery.

Miss Janet Kerr left yesterday morning for Detroit, after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. James Kerr, at Varney.

Mr. Kenneth Kerr of the School of Pharmacy, Toronto, is spending his holidays at his home in Varney. Mrs. Nichol Bell of Elora spent a pleasant holiday with her mother and brothers, the Kerr family, at Varney.

Mr. George Sharpe left for his home at Maipi Man, last week, after visiting in this vicinity for the past six weeks with his brothers and sisters. Mr. Sharpe purposes visiting for a few days in Toronto before returning to the West.

Mrs. Gordon Macdonald and son Hunter, of Chatsworth, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hunter.

Dr. and Mrs. Jamieson left yesterday for Toronto, where they will spend the winter at their home, 262 Russell Hill Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis of Glenelg, left Thursday of last week to spend the winter with members of their family in Toronto and Parkhill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jackson of Whitefish, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Limin, last week, the latter remaining until after Christmas.

Barrister R. B. Burns leaves next Thursday for Ottawa, on a ten days visit with his parents.

Dr. and Mrs. McKillop, Arthur Campbell and Colin McArthur, all of Paisley, and Mr. John P. McArthur of Calgary, who accompanied the body east, were in attendance at the funeral Thursday of Mrs. Charles McInnes, and were the guests of Mrs. J. C. Nichol while in town.

ALLAN PARK INSTITUTE MET LAST WEDNESDAY

The December meeting of the Allan Park Women's Institute was held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. L. Bailey with twenty members and four visitors present.

Mrs. Jas. Park, Jr. presided in a capable manner. The meeting was opened with the usual exercises after which the Scripture was read by Miss Verna Kerr. The roll call was answered by a candy recipe. There were letters of thanks from Mrs. Wm. Heazlett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Park, Jr., Mrs. Adam Frizell, Miss Mary Charlton, Mrs. Grant

Wise and Florence Willis. The program consisted of an instrumental by Miss Mary Kennedy, read by Miss Blanche Sumpton and Katy Herd, community singing and Miss Kennedy also gave a very interesting paper. There were two new members enrolled.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The week of prayer will be held as usual the first week of January. Services will be held in each of the churches. Further announcement will be made next week.

Advertise in The Chronicle. It pays.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected December 16, 1926

Table with market prices for various goods like Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys.

The Bargain Store

I have just received another shipment of those \$1.00 and \$1.50 flannel shirts

Come Early While They Last

Boys' Combination Underwear at \$1.30

Men's 100% wool Combinations heavy 3.50

Men's light weight combinations at 1.95 to 3.20

Men's heavy double back and front, 100% wool, also double breasted, suit, 3.50 to 4.00

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Try my Semal Kand Brand Black Tea, a choice blend of India and Ceylon, lb. 70c.

Fresh peals and fruits in stock for your Christmas baking.

Mince Meat and Libby's Sauer Kraut.

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For All The Family

Don't wait until the last few days to start shopping, select your gifts now while our stock is complete.

We will be very pleased to offer any suggestions and to assist you in any way in the selection of suitable Christmas gifts. Don't hesitate to ask for our assistance in this matter.

We have a large assortment of Club Bags, Suit Cases, Skating Boots, Cozy Slippers, Moccasins, etc. all of which make acceptable as well as useful presents for any member of the family.

Profit sharing cards will not be given after the first of the year.

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Flour Prices

Table with flour prices for Maple Leaf Flour, Cream of West Flour, O Canada Flour, King Edward Flour, Five Crown Flour, Pastry Flour, Tankage, Vim Feed.

Poultry Feeds, Calf Meal, Oil Cake, Ground Flax, Rolled Oats, Wheatlets, Whole Wheat Flour, Salt, Bone Phosphate, Beef Scrap coarse and fine, Oyster Shell.

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